Dairy Development Projects

3685. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dairy Development Projects proposed to be set up at Barauni and Vaishali in Bihar have been lying pending with his Ministry after the approval of the State Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) No proposal for Vaishali has been received. The proposal received for Barauni was examined and the State Govt. was informed that the Barauni Milk Union may prepare a proposal for consideration under the Central Sector Plan Scheme "Assistance to Cooperatives".

[English]

Incident of Crimes

3686. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Virginity test of girls now comes under the purview of NHRC" appearing in 'Dainik Bhaskar', dated January 2, 1997;

(b) if so, the causes responsible for the test; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The news item captioned "Virginity test of girls now comes under the purview of the NHRC" does not appear in the 'Dainik Bhaskar' dated 2nd January, 1997.

(b) and (c) However, the National Human Rights Commission took suo moto cognizance of the incident on the basis of the news item titled "Dignity of Test" appearing in the 'Pioneer' dated 12.12.1996 and issued notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police, Government of Madhya Pradesh, calling for reports. Appropriate action will be taken on the basis of the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission, as and when received.

Backlog of SC/ST/OBC Vacancies

3687. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of backlog of SC/ST/OBC vacancies in the Ministry;

(b) the special drive taken or proposed to be taken to clear the backlog; and

(c) the targets set up for their clearance during the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) As per information available, 52 SC/ST posts are lying vacant at present in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, its attached and subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings, autonomous bodies etc. So far 5 SC/ST posts have been filled up after launch of the Special Recruitment Drive.

(b) The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has launched a Special Recruitment Drive for filling up the available SC/ST/OBC vacancies in the Department, attached and subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings, autonomous bodies etc.

(c) Filling up of the backlog vacancies has been delayed due to the difficulties in obtaining timely recommendation from recruitment agencies and want of required certificates such as Character antecedents from the police, caste or medical certificates. The various recruitment agencies are being reminded to expedite filling up of the posts from time to time.

[Translation]

Development of Animal Husbandry

3688. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware about the vast potential of animal husbandry development in Bihar;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government to exploit the same;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up an Animal Husbandry Research Centre in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?